

SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

DATE PALM STATEMENT of INTENT

At Date Palm our vision is for the School to ensure our pupils grow like a Date Palm tree – with **strong foundations, lofty branches and produce fresh fruit**:

- ✓ To build **Strong Foundations for Character Development** that:
Instil values; inspire each pupil; display best manners.
- ✓ To have **Lofty Branches of Educational Excellence** that will:
Provide a broad and varied range of experiences and learning opportunities;
help each pupil progress and develop in all aspects; support their skills and talents.
- ✓ To produce **Fresh Fruit that provides services to their Communities** in order to:
Become responsible and confident citizens; make a positive difference;
commit to charitable endeavours; become effective contributors towards Britain’s future.

Reviewed by	Position	Signature
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School Uniform Policy

This policy is written in line with the guidance of:

- School uniform: Guidance for governing bodies, school leaders, school staff and local authorities, September 2013

Introduction

It is our policy that all children should wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school organised event outside normal school hours. We provide a complete list of all the items needed for the children's school uniform in this policy.

Aims and objectives

Our policy is based on the notion that a school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- engenders a feeling of community and belonging;
- is practical and smart;
- identifies the children with the school;
- is not distracting in class (as fashion clothes might be);
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is regarded as suitable, and good value for money, by most parents;
- has been designed with health and safety in mind.

As part of our ethos we would like all children to wear the correct uniform properly at all times. It is important for the promotion of social independence that the younger children are able to manage their own clothes and shoes (no laces). This should be considered when purchasing school uniform.

In order to return lost property, all uniform and personal items should be clearly marked with your child's name.

School Uniform

NURSERY- YEAR 6

Note: there should be no designer garments/footwear with the exception of P.E. trainers.

BOYS:

- Charcoal Grey trousers/formal shorts below knees (NO tracksuit bottoms are allowed in the classroom)
- Plain white shirt
- Navy cardigan/jumpers (NO hoodies are allowed in the classroom)
- Plain white T-Shirt (Summer only)
- Optional - White thobes ONLY on Fridays. During school trips no thobes allowed.
- Black School shoes (NO trainers)

GIRLS:

Option 1:

- Charcoal grey pinafore dress
- Plain white blouse/shirt
- Plain white T-Shirt (Summer only)
- Navy tights/leggings (NO tracksuit bottoms allowed in the class)
- Navy cardigan/jumpers (NO hoodies allowed in the class)
- Black School shoes/ankle boots (NO trainers)

Option 2:

- Navy check pinafore dress
- Navy tights/leggings (NO tracksuit bottoms allowed in the class)
- Navy cardigan/jumpers (NO hoodies allowed in the class)
- Plain white T-Shirt (Summer only)
- Black School shoes/ankle boots (NO trainers)

Option 3:

- Charcoal grey trousers /skirt below knees
- Plain white blouse/shirt
- Plain white T-Shirt (Summer only)
- Navy cardigan/jumpers (NO hoodies allowed in the class)
- Black School shoes/ankle boots (NO trainers)

Option 4:

- Optional - Plain navy pull-on hijab
- Optional - Grey abayah (correct length)
- Navy tights/leggings (NO tracksuit bottoms allowed in the class)

P.E. Uniform:

- Plain grey/navy tracksuit bottom.
- Navy jumper/hoodie
- Navy school logo t-shirt
- Trainers
- Swimming kit: swimming costume/trunks, cap, goggles (optional)

Footwear

We believe that it is both practical and safer for children to wear flat and sensible shoes. Platform soles or high heels are not suited to the busy school day. Children should bring trainers in their bags when they have P.E. Trainers must not be worn from home. Children who have a medical foot condition such as hypermobility may wear trainers if recommended by a physiotherapist. Parents must fill out a medical healthcare plan for this condition.

Jewellery, hair and make up

Children are expected to leave jewellery, make up and fashion hairstyles for the weekends and holiday times. Children are not allowed to come to school with unnatural coloured dyed or outlandish/extreme hairstyles that cause a distraction to others.

The only jewellery permitted in school on health and safety grounds is studs and a wristwatch. Watches should be removed to partake in P.E.

Children who are participating in swimming must not wear earrings. On days when these activities are scheduled children must leave their earrings at home. We do not want pupils removing and replacing earrings. This is due to the potential risk of injury, earrings being lost/stolen and the spread of infections. It is therefore recommended that children do not come to school wearing earrings on these days. Children will be asked to remove earrings and to store them themselves. Staff will not be responsible for the removal, insertion or storage of earrings.

Make up and cosmetics are not considered appropriate or consistent with our school uniform.

Non-Compliance with school uniform/ P.E. uniform

First instance:

Verbal reminder to the child and to the parent/guardian at the end of the day by the class teacher.

Second instance:

Miss break/park time/P.E. and parents will be informed.

Third instance:

Sit in office UNTIL parents can provide correct uniform KS2 & miss golden time for KS1. Management will arrange a meeting with parents to discuss further consequences.

No child will be disciplined for non-compliance because of their particular cultural, race or religious dress code.

The Headteacher can suspend/exclude pupils if a child persistently breaches school uniform policy. This is in line with the government's school uniform guidance.

Role of Parents and Governors

We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily school work. One of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair.

Regular uniform checks will be conducted by the behaviour co-ordinators.

Monitoring and review

This policy will be reviewed by the Governors every four years, or earlier if considered necessary.